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MEDIA BUREAU GRANTS REQUEST BY LENFEST BROADCASTING, LLC TO CEASE ANALOG BROADCASTING ON WWAC-TV AND TO OPERATE AS A SINGLE CHANNEL, DIGITAL-ONLY TELEVISION STATION ON CHANNEL 44

In its Report and Order in GN Docket No. 01-74, the Commission adopted the reallocation of the 598-746 MHz Spectrum Band (television channels 52-59) from use by television broadcasters to new uses on a flexible basis. The Commission also stated that it would consider requests by incumbent broadcasters on channels 52-58 to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition on a case-by-case basis.

On July 11, 2002, the Media Bureau received a request from Lenfest Broadcasting, LLC, the licensee of analog television station WWAC-TV, NTSC Channel 53, and permittee of digital television station WWAC-DT, DTV Channel 44, Atlantic City, New Jersey,<sup>3</sup> for Commission authority to: (i) cease analog broadcasting on NTSC Channel 53 and surrender its license for the channel prior to the end of the DTV transition; and (ii) thereafter operate WWAC-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel 44. By letter dated September 24, 2002, the Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau granted the request. A copy of this letter is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 455 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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By: Chief, Media Bureau

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59), GN Docket No. 01-74, 17 FCC Rcd 1022 (2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1095-96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Facility ID 9739.